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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

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U.S. Patent No. 4,027,246, Caccama et al.

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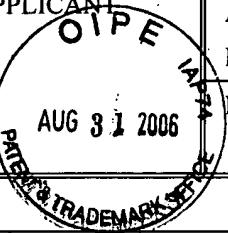
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